# *MA Textile and Surface Design School of Fashion and Textiles*

**Additional costs**

We have provided you with a breakdown of the essential costs and the optional costs which are dependent on your budget.

Please note that your marks are not a reflection of how much you spend, so a student who spends less than the estimated costs won’t be marked down, compared to a student who spends more.

### **Materials for technical modules**

The cost of materials is not included on the course, but we tend to find that students budget a minimum of £400 on fabric and materials for their project, although some spend more or less than this.

The total cost for art supplies, such as sketchbooks, portfolio cases and consumables is likely to be about £80.

You may choose to outsource the production of your collection to a manufacturer – we suggest you budget about £600 for this.

Some students choose to opt for the digital printing (for printed textiles) and we recommend you budget about £300 for this.

## **Laptops and software**

It is not essential for you to purchase your own laptop (PC or Mac), as you can borrow a laptop from the university or use one of our shared computer rooms. Laptops may be borrowed for free for up to six hours and may be found at the following: Curzon, Millennium Point, Parkside, Jewellery Quarter and Margaret Street. Most students do prefer to have their own laptops, and we suggest you allow about £300 to £1000 for this, dependent on your preferences and budget.

We recommend a computer with over 1GB memory and a large enough hard drive to access relevant software. For Apple computers a budget of £1000 to £1500 is typical.

Microsoft Office 365 and 1TB of OneDrive cloud storage space is provided free to all students.

You’ll also be provided with a free account for [Lynda.com](http://www.lynda.com/) worth £227.40.

### Apple also offer a discount on laptops for UK students: [go to Apple for Education for more details](http://www.apple.com/uk_edu_5000618/shop). **Printing**

Our on-campus print shop can produce high-quality prints for your portfolio and assignments on an at-cost basis.

In previous years, students have budgeted up to £200 for printing, although you can reduce print costs by submitting assignments online.  
  
**Field trips**

You’ll enjoy trips to fashion shows, museums and retailers across Europe and the UK.

Each year, our students attend an international field trip, usually to the [PremiereVision Paris Show](http://www.premierevision.com/). The average cost of the trip is £360, which includes accommodation, travel and ticket.

On top of this, you’ll also get to visit a number of fashion shows, exhibitions, and retailers throughout each year. Past visits include the [V&A](http://www.vam.ac.uk/), [Bath Fashion Museum](http://www.fashionmuseum.co.uk/), and specialist London retailers. We recommend budgeting £400 for these trips.

Students frequently visit London (from 1 hour 24 minutes by train) to buy fabrics and for further research.

The average overall spend on these travel costs is £300. However, some students budget up to £600 for trips and travel dependent on their requirements.